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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library Center,
4653 South Campbell, Springfield, Missouri.

Our July Speaker: Christy Lindberg



Mrs. Christy Lindberg has been the Historian Assistant of the United States Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School since February 2004. She received a Master of Arts in History with a 4.0 grade average from Missouri State University in 1998. She graduated cum laude from the University of Northern Iowa in 1994 with BA degrees in History, Humanities and Political Science. Before entering service with the Department of the Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Mrs. Lindberg was an interpretive Park Ranger with the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site for four years. Prior to that she was a Park Ranger for five years at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, and also worked as a ranger at Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, Truman

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Home National Historic Site and Fort Scott National Historic Site. She is a member of Phi Alpha Theta (History honor society), the Mine Creek Battlefield Association, the Kansas City Area Archivists Association, and the Society for Military History. She is a regularly requested speaker for the National Park Service, the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks, the Springfield/Greene County Library, and with civic groups. With a deep interest in military and political history, Mrs. Lindberg has published numerous articles in the *Army Chemical Review*; weekly historical vignettes online at the Chemical Knowledge Network website; and an article on Anna Marie Rosenberg Hoffman (Assistant Secretary of Defense under President Truman) in the *Dictionary of American Biography*. Her master's thesis, "A Socio-Economic History of the Jackson and Callaway Guards," is a company-level study of the Missouri State Guard during the Civil War. The title of her talk is: "Using Civil War History to Teach Today's Soldiers: The Centralia Massacre of 1864."

President's Message for July 2012

At the July meeting, I will present for discussion the Board's proposed budget for the remainder of 2012, together with an estimate of income for the same period, and a summary of our resources. To speed up that discussion, I am including some of that information here, together with explanations.

The proposed budget is:

Programs: \$1140

- \$142 July speaker Christy Lindberg, Ft. Leonard Wood
- \$ 25 August speaker TBA
- \$500 September speaker; honorarium for George Rable (other costs paid by MSU)
- \$ 98 October speaker David Dalton, College of the Ozarks
- \$ 25 November speaker TBA
- \$ 00 December program (discussion)
- \$350 Travel expenses Fritz Klein (Lincoln); other expenses paid by Library [already paid]

Routine expenses: \$338

- \$98 Web page [already paid]
- \$90 Refreshments (6 x \$15)
- \$150 Buck & Ball (6 x \$25)

Support for organizations/causes: \$1700

- \$250 Civil War Trust
- \$250 Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation
- \$200 Newtonia Battlefield Association

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- \$1000 Wilson's Creek National Battlefield easement

Budget total: \$3178

Two items under "Programs" need explanation: Rable and Klein.

We normally do our banquet in November, but this year we are doing it in September in conjunction with Missouri State University's Mid-America Conference on History. Why do it that way, and what does the CWRT get out of the arrangement? On our own, we could not afford to bring in the distinguished historian George Rable, University of Alabama, who is the award-winning author of numerous works, including *Fredericksburg! Fredericksburg; The Confederate Republic*; and most recently *God's Chosen Peoples: A Religious History of the Civil War*. By partnering with MSU, we will pay \$500 toward Rable's honorarium of \$1000. MSU will pay the other \$500, as well as cover his airfare, meals, and lodging, which will total about \$1300. MSU will arrange the banquet, which will be held at the Hawthorne Park at Kearney and Glenstone, on Friday, September 21. The banquet (cost: about \$18 per person) is open to CWRT members and the general public, as well as MSU, Drury, Evangel, and OTC students. If you don't want to pay for the cost of the banquet, you may simply attend the talk, completely free. If we did the banquet ourselves, we would have to require all attendees to pay the banquet fee; no free attendance. As a side note, the entire Mid-America Conference is free to CWRT members, students, and the general public. The conference runs Thursday through Saturday, featuring some forty presentations on a variety of topics. A copy of the full program will be in the September *Buck & Ball*.

In January, the CWRT Ozarks is partnering with The Library District for Springfield-Greene County to mark the 150th anniversaries of the Emancipation Proclamation (January 1) and the Battle of Springfield (January 8). The CWRT is contributing \$350 to cover the travel expenses of Fritz Klein, who will deliver a first-person impression of Abraham Lincoln (see <http://lincolninstitute.com/>). Many of you will remember Klein's dramatic presentation at our November 2005 meeting, which was exceptionally well-attended and a big success. The total cost of Klein's appearance is \$1550, so by partnering with The Library we are getting a bargain. Kudos to Brian Grubbs and Jim Scamanici for making this possible. Details about Klein's appearance, as well as programs on the Battle of Springfield, will be forthcoming. I mention this item for your information, and include it as part of our 2012 budget, although Klein will appear in 2013 and we have already paid out the \$350.

Now to support for organizations and causes. The CWRT voted in 2010 to make annual donations to the Civil War Trust, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation, and the Newtonia Battlefield Association, with the caveat that the issue be routinely reviewed. Thus it is time to decide whether we will continue our support, and at what level. The Board proposes the same donations as last year. The new item in this category is the Wilson's Creek easement. I obviously biased toward the Battlefield, but it is no exaggeration to say that the clock is ticking in terms of preservation of Wilson's Creek. I am astonished at the extent and pace of development near the battlefield. The project in question will protect the area of Franz's Sigel's first position. A higher priority would be difficult to imagine.

I look forward to discussing all of these issues with you at our July meeting.

Bill Piston, CWRT President

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Minutes for the Meeting of 13 June 2012

President Bill Piston called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. President Piston welcomed those visiting. There were 37 people in attendance. The minutes for May 2012 meeting were published in the June issue of the Buck and Ball. The minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer Richard Quinn reported the beginning balance to be \$3381.84. The income from last meeting was \$211.25. The expenses from last meeting were \$358.25. The monthly ending cash balance was \$3235.84. Money market amount reported as \$5277.23. Total Fiscal Assets as of March 10th was \$8513.07. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership.

Ted Hillmer, the Superintendent of Wilson's Creek gave a report. He reported and discussed the following:

- Thanked all those who volunteer at the Battlefield for their hard work
- Mentioned that Don Akers is in the hospital with leg problems. Cards are available to sign
- "Arts in the Park" 2012 concert series has had excellent attendance over the last 5 weeks. Ray House Jamboree alone had 250 people.
- The 2013 calendar is being worked on. As in past years, the Round Table will be asked for support.
- The battlefield is working on a land deal involving 60 acres, the same land where Sigel took up his first position, where he began his artillery bombardment early on the morning of August 10th, 1861. Judge Keet owned the property and since his death, the Foundation and Civil War Trust have been negotiating with his children to purchase part of the large tract. The Round Table will be asked for their support in the endeavor.
- The exhibits at the battlefield are changing and are still being worked on. The electric map may be going away – something different may replace it. October 2013 is the target date for the exhibits to be completed.
- Ted thanked everyone for their support

President Piston commented that there will be several proposals in the Buck & Ball next month for membership's consideration. They will be voted upon during our July meeting.

President Piston discussed the programs for the rest of the year. The programs are as follows:

- August – TBA
- September – George Rable (Mid-America Conference at MSU)
- October – David Dalton
- November – TBA
- December – open discussion

President Piston discussed the opportunity drawing for this evening. There were three books:

- *The Civil War: A Visual History* published by the Smithsonian
- *American Scoundrel: The Life of the Notorious Civil War General Dan Sickles* by Thomas Keneally
- *Civil War in the Making 1815-1860* by Avery O. Craven

Membership Chairman, Walt Hamer reported that 55 members have renewed their memberships for 2012 of the 146 on the membership list. Those that have not paid their dues this year were strongly encouraged to get them paid as soon as possible.

President Piston mentioned the Round Table would like to plan several trips for 2012 to include St. Louis and Jefferson City. Members were asked to consider their interest. Possible dates will be available shortly for consideration.

----- *Break* -----

After the break, Ms. Christy Hyman from the National Park Service presented, "Within the Shadow of a Dream: Free Blacks and the Implications of Being Quasi-free in Antebellum America". Her talk examined the world of free blacks during the antebellum period and the Civil War. Afterwards she answered questions from the membership.

The book opportunity drawing was held

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Stephen J. Buffat
Secretary
Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks

“LINCOLN: THE CONSTITUTION AND THE CIVIL WAR”
EXHIBIT AT WILSON’S CREEK NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield proudly announces the exhibition of a travelling exhibit “Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War” in the battlefield visitor center now through July 30, 2012. Supt. Hillmer states, “This exhibit is about a special President during a critical time in the life of the United States. Come and enjoy this unique experience in the multipurpose room of the visitor’s center.”

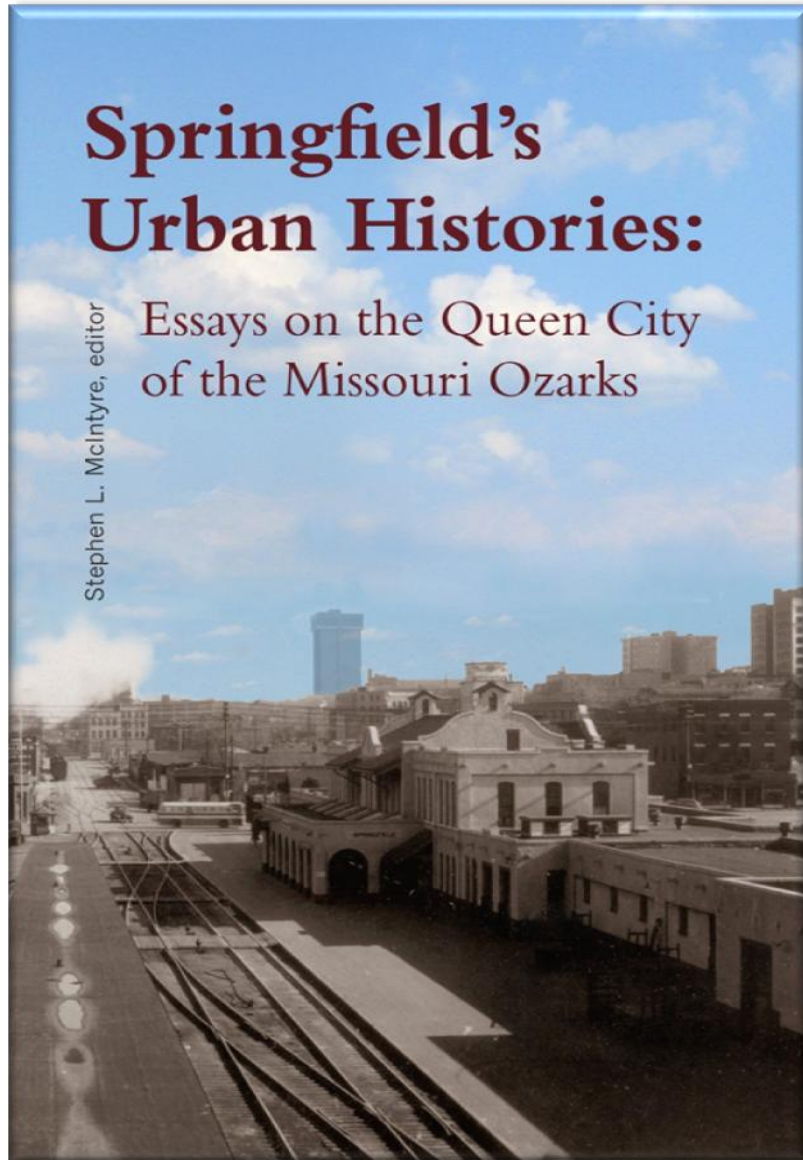
Sponsored by the National Constitution Center and the American Library Association, the five panel exhibit is a provocative look at Abraham Lincoln’s presidency and how he addressed complex national issues such as secession, slavery and civil liberties during the Civil War. Slavery objects from the Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield collection supplement the exhibit’s content.

Administered by the National Park Service, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield preserves the site of the first major engagement of the Civil War in the West. The site is considered to be one of the best-preserved battlefields in the National Park System. The battlefield is located 10-miles southwest of Springfield, Missouri at the intersection of Highway ZZ and Farm Road 182. More information can be obtained by calling (417) 732-2662.

Forthcoming November 2012

from

Moon City Press



Includes “Quinine and Courage: The Battle of Springfield, January 8, 1863,” by
CWRT Ozarks members Bill Piston and John Rutherford.

Details on ordering copies are forthcoming.

<http://mooncitypress.com/>

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Civil War Book Discussion Group At The Library Center

Monday July 23 at 7:00 in meeting room A, *Midnight Rising: John Brown and the Raid that Sparked the Civil War* by Tony Horwitz.

Monday September 24 in meeting room A with *Mrs. Lincoln: A Life* by Catherine Clinton.

Monday November 19 in meeting room A for *Starving The South: How the North Won the Civil War* by Andrew F. Smith.

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